IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1 and 11, as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) An image pickup apparatus comprising:

an image sensor;

a storage unit which stores predetermined data;

a display unit which displays the predetermined data stored in said storage unit;

a designation unit which a user operates to manipulate a display on said display unit so as to designate an arbitrary point on the predetermined data displayed on said display unit; and

a control unit communicatively coupled to said storage unit and said designation unit,

wherein said control unit controls the start of an image taking operation to take an image in response to designation of the arbitrary point by said designation unit, and the generation of link information linking the image taken in the image-taking operation to the arbitrary point designated by said designation unit.

2. (Previously Presented) An image pickup apparatus according to Claim l, further comprising an addition unit that adds the link information generated by said control unit to the predetermined data or the image taken in the image-taking operation.

3. (Previously Presented) An image pickup apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said storage unit further stores the image taken in the image-taking operation.

4. (Previously Presented) An image pickup apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said control unit generates link information such that an image taken in an image-taking operation is linked to the same arbitrary point as an image taken in an immediately previous image-taking operation unless another arbitrary point is designated by said designation unit.

5. (Previously Presented) An image pickup apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the predetermined data is data representing a map.

6. (Previously Presented) An image pickup apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein images may be stored in said storage unit in a hierarchical fashion according to the link information and/or such that the images are linked to each other.

Claim 7 (Cancelled).

8. (Previously Presented) An image pickup apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a display control unit that controls a display process such that, when said image pickup apparatus is in an image reproducing mode, if a point having link

information or a particular area adjacent to the point on the predetermined data is designated by said designation unit, then an image indicated by the link information as an image corresponding to the designated point is displayed.

9. (Previously Presented) An image pickup apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the predetermined data stored in said storage unit is an image taken by said image sensor or an image input from an external device.

10. (Previously Presented) An image pickup apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the link information generated by said control unit includes information indicating the arbitrary point designated by said designation unit and also includes identification information of an image taken by said image sensor.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling an image pickup apparatus, comprising:

a displaying step of displaying predetermined data stored in a storage unit;

a designation step of designating an arbitrary point in the predetermined data displayed in said display step in response to user operation of a designation unit of the image pickup apparatus manipulating a display of the predetermined data in said display step;

an image taking step of starting an image taking operation to take an image in response to the designation of the arbitrary point in said designation step; and

a generation step of generating link information to link the image taken in the image taking operation of said image taking step to the arbitrary point designated in said designation step.

12. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 11, further comprising an addition step of adding the link information generated in said generation step to the predetermined data or the image taken in the image-taking operation of said image taking step.

13. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 11, wherein said generation step includes generating link information such that the image taken in the image-taking operation of said image taking step is linked to the same arbitrary point as an image taken in an immediately previous image-taking operation unless another arbitrary point is designated in said designation step.

14. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 11, wherein the predetermined data is data representing a map.

Claim 15 (Cancelled).

16. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 11, further comprising a display controlling step of controlling a display process such that, when the

image pickup apparatus is in an image reproducing mode, if a point having link information or a particular area adjacent to the point in the predetermined data is designated in said designation step, then an image indicated by the link information as an image corresponding to the point designated in said designation step is displayed.

17. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 11, wherein the predetermined data is the image taken in the image-taking operation of the image taking step or an image input from an external device.

18. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 11, wherein the link information generated in said generation step includes information indicating the arbitrary point designated in said designation step and also includes identification information of the image taken in the image-taking operation of said image taking step.

19. (Original) A storage medium storing a program for executing the method of controlling an image pickup apparatus according to Claim 11.

20. (Original) A storage medium storing a program for executing the method of controlling an image pickup apparatus according to Claim 13.

21. (Original) A storage medium storing a program for executing the method of controlling an image pickup apparatus according to Claim 16.